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MATTRESS AND TEXTILE WASTE BAN

Effective November 1, 2022, the MassDEP is adding textiles and mattresses to the list of materials that are banned from disposal. This means that mattresses, box springs and textiles will no longer be allowed in the trash. New state rules require mattresses, boxsprings and textiles be kept out of the trash so they can be recycled or donated for reuse. In order to comply, the Town of Mendon will be changing the way we collect these items.

The Town of Mendon has partnered with **Green Team Junk Removal**



Green Team
Junk Removal

Green Team Junk Removal is located in Holliston, MA and Mendon Residents can call them directly to schedule a Mattress and/or Box Spring at (508) 361-0519, or schedule your pickup online at www.gogreenteamjunk.com

The cost is \$75 per Item. (Prices Subject to Change)

Other items that can be picked up are Sofas, Tables, Appliances, ACs, and more!

➤ **Textiles can be scheduled with a Home Pick-up through CMRK by visiting**

<https://www.bbbsfoundation.org/schedule-a-pickup>

- **All textiles should be recycled either by scheduling a Home Pick-Up through CMRK or going to a textile dropbox located throughout town – do not put them into your trash!**

Why Mattresses?

MA residents throw out 300,000 mattresses each year. That's a lot of potential material that could be used to make new products. In fact, over 75% of mattress and box spring components can be easily disassembled and recycled. Mattresses also take up a lot of space! Separating them for recycling is better for the planet and reduces the need for additional landfills and municipal waste combustion facilities.

Textile Recovery

About 230,000 TONS of textiles are disposed of annually in Massachusetts—95% of which could have been reused, resold, or remade into something new instead. Textiles are anything from clothing (shirts, sweaters, pants) to footwear (sneakers, sandals, cleats) to accessories (bags, belts, hats) to linens (sheets, towels, and more). There are many paths your used textiles can take: Donated textiles can be given or resold to people who need them here in the US and abroad, Textiles in poor condition can become industrial wiping cloths, aka "shop rags", Anything that cannot be resold can be remanufactured into insulation used by a variety of industries (e.g., automotive, home furnishings, and carpet padding). Textiles should never go in your household recycling bin. They also do not belong in the trash, unless they are wet, moldy, or contaminated.